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## RUSSIANS FIRE AT U.S. PLANE

Vienna, April 23.  
In full view of a large crowd of American correspondents and army personnel at Tulln airport outside Vienna, four Russian fighter planes fired shots off the wing of a United States army C47 transport plane as it came in for a landing yesterday.

Four crewmen supported the statement of the pilot, Capt. James Baxter, that the Russians fired between two and four 37-millimeter cannon shots and the fighters followed the transport to the field and left after the wheels of the American plane touched the ground.

The incident occurred just half an hour before another plane bearing a party of 14 touring American publishers and editors landed. —Associated Press.

## CHINESE FIRE ON FRENCH

Paris, April 23.  
Twelve French soldiers were killed and 20 injured in a shooting incident at Hanoi, chief city of Tonkin, in Northern Indo-China, according to a French News Agency report from Hanoi today.

Some of the injured are gravely hurt and it is feared that there are also some civilian victims.

The French report stated that Chinese troops fired on French soldiers and a crowd of people after a collision of French and Chinese lorries in the heart of the city.

Three other lorries filled with Chinese soldiers arrived on the scene and without warning, the report added, opened fire on unarmed French soldiers and on the crowd.

A French patrol arrived half an hour later, dispersing the Chinese who continued shooting from windows and rooftops for some time until an order to cease fire was given by the Chinese Commander after a protest from the French Commander. —Reuter.

Associated Press quotes the Paris Radio as saying that 15 (not 12) were killed and 20 wounded, and that the trouble ended only when the French made a "forceful representation" to the Chinese command.

## Millions Of Children In Need Of Food

Cairo, April 23.  
Between 20,000,000 and 30,000,000 children in Europe need food. "It is a vital problem still unsolved," Maurice Pato, advisor to Herbert Hoover on child problems, reported today. Pato is a New York investment banker who started a child feeding programme after World War I.

In a report to Hoover he described child health and food conditions in Poland, Finland, Sweden, Britain, the Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia, and Greece.

In the present food-deficient countries on the continent, Pato's report states, "there are approximately 40,000,000 children from infants to 18 years of age living in urban communities."

"Your estimate that over 20,000,000 of these children are underfed and require supplementary feeding varies to the low side. From the data gathered in various countries which we have surveyed, I estimate that as a result of war, mass killings, vast enforced migrations and famine, there are today no less than 11,000,000 orphans and half of the orphans are in Europe." —Associated Press.

## HONG KONG'S "D-DAY" Resumption Of Civil Govt. On May 1st Governor Due The Day Before

CIVIL GOVERNMENT WILL BE RESTORED IN HONG KONG AT 10 O'CLOCK ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 1.

THIS WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, WHEN IT WAS STATED THAT THE OFFICIAL CEREMONY OF THE RESUMPTION OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT 10 a.m. ON MAY 1.

## POLICEMAN STABBED

Oxford, April 23.  
Five police forces are hunting for two men, following the stabbing of an Oxford City policeman, Clifford Dunkley, in an Air Raid shelter yesterday morning.

For a radius of ten miles round Oxford, the police have been stopping every car. Dunkley had been investigating a burglary at the Single Tree Day Nursery in Rose Hill and entered a shelter nearby.

He found two men sleeping there and it is alleged that in the struggle which followed their effort to escape the policeman was stabbed. Though badly hurt, Dunkley gave chase but collapsed. He was operated on in Radcliffe Infirmary and was reported today to be improving.

It is believed that the two suspects are Borstal boys and may be making towards London. —Reuter.

It is expected that H.E. the Governor, Sir Mark Young, will arrive at Kai Tak Aerodrome on the afternoon of Tuesday, April 30.

There will be a brief military ceremony at Kai Tak and at Queen's Pier before Sir Mark proceeds to Government House.

Attendance at the handing over ceremony on Wednesday next will be by invitation with which will be issued an official car pass to be attached to the windscreen of the guests' cars.

The ceremony will be broadcast over B.W.B. and Z.E.K.

It is expected that the formalities of handing over the Government will be completed by 11.15 a.m.

In the afternoon, H.E. the Governor will drive through the City of Victoria and later through Kowloon.

The routes will be announced later.

For the information of any friends who wish to say goodbye to him, the Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt, will be leaving the Colony the same afternoon, departing from Queen's Pier at 2.30 p.m.

It will facilitate matters if those who have invitation cards for the morning ceremony will retain them for use in the afternoon.

On the day following his arrival and which will be known officially as D-Day, the change of government will take place and the Governor's flag will be flown from Government House. At the same time Vice-Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt, Commander-in-Chief, Hong Kong, will transfer his flag to the cruiser H.M.S. *Argonaut*.

A salute of 17 guns from H.M.S. *Tyne* will mark the beginning of the civil administration and 15 guns will be fired as Vice-Admiral Harcourt leaves Queen's Pier for his ship.

Special guards of honour to mark the occasion will be mounted at the pier by the Services. Over 200 officers and men will take part, including detachments of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Commandos and Jaipur Guards.

## Two Killed In Italian Prison Rioting

Rome, April 23.

The area round San Vito, where convicts are mutinying, took on the aspect of a battlefield tonight as reinforcements of tanks, armoured cars, troops and Carabinieri moved in to take up positions for a great night attack.

So far, 2 people have been killed, and 20 wounded.

Inside the gaol, rioting convicts, who now control the whole building, are threatening to kill 25 hostages whom they captured from the prison personnel if the attack takes place.

The rioters, who are led by the famous bandit, Barbieri, have agreed that Cardinal Schuster, Archbishop of Milan, come to talk with them, but so far the Archbishop has not made an appearance.

He added that the Department of the Interior was taking immediate action to find out whether additional relief could be provided for surplus in Hawaii and Puerto Rico, stating that the first movement of supplies was being expedited.

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## RE-ESTABLISHING OF COMPANY RECORDS

A COMMITTEE FORMED BY THE CHIEF LEGAL ADVISER—COLONEL G. E. STRICKLAND—UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF H. E. THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF—SIR CECIL HARcourt, K.C.B., C.B.E.—HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING WAYS AND MEANS OF RE-ESTABLISHING AND RE-CONSTITUTING THE RECORDS OF COMPANIES WHICH WERE LOST OR DESTROYED DURING THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION.

SOME COMPANIES HAVE THEIR OWN RECORDS OR ARE ABLE TO RECONSTRUCT THEM BUT PRACTICALLY THE WHOLE OF THE RECORDS AT THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES HAVE GONE.

It was on account of this loss to which companies were in a position to furnish duplicate records that the Acting Registrar of Companies published an advertisement calling upon companies to furnish particulars concerning their records.

A further advertisement, to similar effect, is published in page 6 of this issue and those companies who have not already complied are urged to do so forthwith.

During the occupation many share certificates have been destroyed, lost or passed into unauthorised hands. The certificates have, in many cases, just been treated as waste paper. The situation is complicated by reason of the practice existing in Hong Kong of passing shares from one to another accompanied by a blank signed transfer form. In this way, even if the company's own share register is complete, the registered proprietor may be a person who parted with the shares years previously and who is now without any means of knowledge as to who the rightful possessor of the shares is.

### Inform Statement

It is understood that the Committee will be making recommendations shortly to the Administration as to the best methods of dealing with the situation.

An interim statement, however, was released to the Press by the Committee yesterday. This warned those members of the public who are interested in lost share certificates that there are ways and means whereby they can protect their interests, and that full avail should be taken of these remedies. The Administration, it is understood, is contemplating doing all that is reasonably required where the existing machinery is inadequate to meet present con-

## Senate Asked To Approve Loan

Washington, April 23.

Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, Republican of Michigan, today asked unrestricted Senate approval of the British loan "for the sake of American welfare in a peaceful world."

He said he had reached the reluctant decision that the bill should pass for the sake of America."

The Michigan senator described approval of the bill as a gigantic speculation but he added that not to pass the bill might be an even worse speculation.

Before the session, Alben W. Barkley, the Democratic leader, said he had no intention of defeating the loan bill with draft extension legislation unless the final vote is unexpectedly delayed until within a few days of May 15, the expiration date of the draft law.

Supporters of the loan, headed by the Senate, are insisting that the measure, which they believe will be passed, will be a great benefit to the country.

Vandenberg said the loan represented whether the United States will accept economic as well as moral leadership in stabilising the world, which he said must be stabilized for America as well as for other countries.

He added that the Department of the Interior was taking immediate action to find out whether additional relief could be provided for surplus in Hawaii and Puerto Rico, stating that the first movement of supplies was being expedited.

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## ARSENIC PLOT MYSTERY

Nuremberg, April 23.

United States army authorities said today that additional German prisoners of war had been taken ill in a mysterious arsenic plot against 5,000 former soldiers confined in a camp near here.

Brig.-Gen. Samuel Williams, Commandant of the 26th Infantry Division which guards the camp, said the arsenic was applied presumably with a brush on the bottoms of loaves of bread marked for delivery to the camp. Four full bottles of arsenic and two empty arsenic bottles were discovered under the floor of a local bakery from which the bread was delivered.

It was understood that in Frankfurt a search was under way for a Polish displaced person who was said to have fled mysteriously from the area. All the poisoning cases resulted from a consignment of bread delivered on April 18. —Associated Press.

## Delegates Told To Resign

Berlin, April 23.

Fourteen delegates from the British zone who were elected to the Executive Committee of the new German Socialist Party, formed by the Socialists and Communists in the Ruggen zone, this morning each received a letter from a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Political Department of the British Control Commission, ordering them immediately to resign from the Committee.

The letter claimed that all members of the Social Democrat and Communist Party in the British zone were to attend the congress at Hanover during the weekend (which voted unanimously for the fusion of the two parties) did so under the express condition that they went as guests.

The letter called on the delegates to announce their resignation through newspapers. —Reuter.

### THE WEATHER

Today's forecast:—Fair and warm, with light southerly winds. Yesterday's temperatures:—Maximum—69 deg. at 2 p.m. Minimum—50 deg. at 6 a.m. Sunshine—7 hours. Maximum humidity—69 per cent at 9 a.m.



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## In Sydney Now

## AN ENGLISHMAN TAKES A LOOK AROUND

By Our Special Correspondent

Accommodation shortage is still extremely acute. Within a five mile radius of the G.P.O. there are 350 buildings which are partially or wholly occupied by Government departments—departments born in wartime. Government, however, has announced that none of these buildings, or similar ones in other capitals, will be vacated for some time. Commonwealth departments occupy 613,000 sq. ft. in rented buildings in Sydney alone. It is hoped that the Red Cross will soon vacate premises in Phillip Street, in which case they will be used by barristers returned from the Services. The public has been warned by senior Air Force officer against any attempt to take over the two houses at Point Piper and Darling Point when the R.A.A.F. vacate them. "Marmanah," City Council's King's Cross mansion, under offer to the State Government at a peppercorn rental, may pass to the control of the State Council of the Returned Soldiers' League for homes for ex-Servicemen. It will cost £2,000 to convert it into flats. Dozens of house hunters unsuccessfully visited and telephoned the Toorak home of Lieut-Gen. J. Northcott since his appointment as Governor of N.S.W. It had already been let. A disabled ex-naval man was unable to go beyond £2500 (top bid was £2550) for Crown land on which he was living. It was valued at £150. Having served 16 years in the Navy and forced by total incapacity to live on an invalid pension, he said, "Thanks for the welcome home," after the sale. Another ex-Serviceman is offering to paint a portrait in oils and give a pair of nylon stockings to anyone who will tell him of a vacant house or flat in Sydney. A worried ex-airman has offered four pairs of nylon stockings and four cartons of Chesterfields for any information about 800 sq. ft. of office space to rent. One returned soldier has only just secured a 10ft. by 10ft. room in the city after trying since last August. A girl takes telephone calls and he works at home. In the section taken over by Government at Herne Bay Naval and Military Hospital eight families are now housed and another 16 families will be moving in shortly. As a precaution against squatters each tenant must produce a card of identification. Behind barbed wire once again! Despite this chaos, Australia is considering ways and means for large-scale migration from the British Isles—the scheme to bring 50,000 children, particularly war orphans, has been described as impracticable—while the Australian Minister in London has before him now a plan to settle 100,000 natives of the Baltic States in Australia. It is a very bewildering situation for the returned Serviceman.

## The New Isolationists

In addition to rabid nationalists who glory in their attitude, there is emerging today in the United States a new type in whose isolationism is based in timidity. Many of them can be found in the State Department. Their policy was recently well described by Clare Luce as that of the three monkeys—"See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil." Many of these timid isolationists are high-minded and idealistic in their approach to foreign policy. But they are very adept in finding high-sounding excuses for avoiding decisions or positive action. They are also adept in the manipulation of red herrings; and in order to avoid facing the real dangers that confront the world, they love to make scapegoats out of small fry. An example of this latter tendency is shown by the vehemence with which they attack tin-pot dictators like General Franco and Colonel Juan Peron of Argentina as a substitute for devising any effective policy to resist the power politics of Soviet Russia. U.N.O. has proved a godsend to these timid gentrified. In the past, they used to argue against any proposed course of action on the grounds that it might upset the Russians. Now they are beginning to add that it would also sabotage U.N.O. Thus, some members of the Senate have gone so far as to say that Winston Churchill's recent proposal of a "fraternal association of the British and American peoples" would "cut the throat of U.N.O." This is the language of hysteria. If the twenty-year treaty of mutual defence between Britain and Soviet Russia does not alarm the United States nor "cut the throat of U.N.O." why should a "fraternal association" of the English-speaking peoples produce such dire effects in Moscow and in the U.N.O.? Article 52 of U.N.O.'s Charter specifically provides for "regional arrangements" for the maintenance of international peace. This clause was inserted at the desire of Russia in order to bring their very tight treaty arrangements with Poland, Czechoslovakia and the Balkan countries into technical harmony with the spirit and Charter of U.N.O. It might, of course, be objected that the "region" covered by the British Commonwealth and Empire and the United States is a very large "region." Maybe it is, but it is also smaller than the "region" covered by the British Commonwealth and Empire and the Soviet Union, who have a "formal treaty of alliance. This, in short, is dished up as a form of "escapism" by those who wish to avoid international responsibilities and obligations. The same forces of appeasement which caused the last war are already at work again, camouflaged this time under the banners of idealism and world cooperation. It has been said that the League of Nations failed because the Senate of the United States repudiated their President's signature to the Versailles Treaty. It would indeed be a tragedy if the new attempt to build a world organisation were to fail because the United States should vacillate "through craven fear of being great."

## JAPS. EVACUATING

Batavia, April 23.

Indonesian sources yesterday reported that the evacuation of 200,000 Japanese from the interior of Java has begun.—Associated Press.

## SMUTS LEAVES

Pretoria, April 23.

General Jan Smuts, South Africa's Prime Minister, left by air tonight for London to attend the British Empire Prime Ministers' Conference.—Reuters.

## BY THE WAY

By BEACHCOMBER.

At Bumblebrower Manor Captain Fouleneough came face-to-face with Vita Brevis. There were a score of guests present, and as she attempted to move away the Captain hissed, "Alone at last!" and laughed uproariously.

"How did you get here?" she asked insolently. "They found me under a gooseberry bush," said Fouleneough, with a heavy wink. "Are you staying?" asked Vita Brevis haughtily, and then she added, "Tell me, as a matter of interest, how in earth do you do it? How do you get naked to houses like this?" "In this case," replied the irrepressible warrior, "I wasn't exactly asked, not what you'd call invited. I—er—I came as a private detective to—keep an eye on the jeweller. I—er—I'm keeping an eye on it." Vita Brevis gasped.

## On A Point Of Disorder

An excellent method of preventing reality breaking into the fantastic world of the Commons was found the other day. Three Ministers failed to hear the number called out by the Speaker at question time, and answered the wrong questions. Jolly Jack Hopkins, with a light laugh, once suggested that no attempt should ever be made to answer the right question, as this is likely to lead to the giving of information.

(Enter, swimming, an old, old turbot.)

## The Lantern-metal Muddle

Mrs. Dulcie Bilbound has been informed in quadruplicate that her permit to dispose of lantern-metal is out of date. She replied that she had never had either a permit or any metal. They said that according to their files a permit had been sent to her. She replied that if it had that was no affair of hers. They said that the possession of permit made it obligatory to dispose of the lantern-metal. She replied that she had no lantern-metal. They said that she must have, otherwise no permit would have been issued. She said she had nothing. They replied that an inspector would call on her.

## It Was It Was It Was It

I was delighted to see in the Observer last Sunday a portrait of John Milton at the age of ten to illustrate a review of a book of war reminiscences by Miss Gertrude Stein. The only thing that marred my pleasure was that the portrait was printed the right way up.

It desired parties reach Shanghai not later than June. Parties from Australia, South Africa and the Southern Pacific area will meet in Hong Kong and then go to Shanghai as a single body to join the main group. President of the A.C.A. is Dr. J. Young Wal, and Mr. Henry Ming Lai is the honorary treasurer. One of its main activities is Cantonese classes—at the last exam there was a 100 per cent. pass—under the tuition of three honorary tutors, the Misses Irene Young and Pearl and Minnie Chung.

Dinny Pails, Australia's No. 2 ranking player, has been granted permission to compete at Wimbledon. There is every possibility Geoffrey Brown will also go. Pails will partner Jack Harper, Harry Hopman or Brown in the doubles. Jim Wild and Mrs. Huxley (formerly Theima Rice) have been reinstated as amateurs.

"Bowling rather than batting was the primary weakness of New Zealand cricket," said W. A. Brown, Australian Test captain, when interviewed. Brown said he liked the six-ball over and felt sure most teams did, as it allowed the bowler to have longer spells at the crease. Jack Johnson (126) knocked out Herb Narvo (138) in the fifth round at the Stadium on Saturday. A series of heavy eight-hand leads laid the foundation for the heavy-weight champions' success. Johnson has overseas ambitions, having had offers from England and America. There is a possibility he may meet Bruce Woodcock, and there is just a chance he will meet the winner of the Gus Lescovich-Fredie Mills fight for the world cruiserweight title. Erle Macready (90) suffered his first defeat in 20 fights when his bout against Ted Sprout (90) was stopped in the seventh round with the cartilage in Macready's nose displaced and blood pouring down his face. He showed great pluck and gameness.

Leichhardt Stadium

## The Only Job A Woman Fights Shy Of

By MARGOT HIRONS

This century and the last six years in particular have proved that woman can make a success of any sort of work. Without qualm she turns her capable hand to the sciences, the arts, politics, engineering, commerce, and achieves amazing results in the factory and machine-shop.

One job only she fears to attempt. The world says—and with a tremor of apprehension she agrees—that a woman alone cannot possibly bring up her children successfully. She can do everything else, but she cannot play father to the family.

How many mothers, in the shadowy hours when worries loom large and awful, ask themselves what on earth they would do if they had to rear the family alone? "How would my sons get on without a father's influence? And for the matter of that, my daughters, too?"

But in how many homes, alas, the woman has to face this problem not only in imagination but in fact!

When a few years ago, I found myself in this very situation, I asked another widow to tell me the secret of her success in bringing up four splendid sons. "Success?" she queried. "I don't know—I've been too busy living minute by minute to think consciously of either success or failure." She considered a moment, then added: "Well, whatever you do, don't fuss. I believe men are so good with young people because they are hardly ever fussy."

## Must Not Flutter

Odd snatches of thought plucked from very fully-occupied years have underlined the truth of my friend's words. More than half the help given by a man to his family comes from his sense of proportion, and his capacity for not being fluttered by trifles. These are qualities which must be used daily and hourly if a young family is to avoid unnecessary tensions and nerve-storms. And these are qualities which the mother-father must endeavour to employ.

There is no getting away from the fact; man has a natural aptitude for deciding what is important and what is not—when to lay down the law and when to be silent. He knows that the failed scholarship must be faced with sympathetic sang-froid . . . and not with sympathetic volatility. (The child

referee Les Pearson has resigned because the management have pandered to Hockey Benell's request for a change of referee in his return bout with Tommy Ward. Pearson declared the first fight between these two "no contest".

Racing interest is concentrated on the Autumn Double—The Doncaster Handicap (1 mile) and the Sydney Cup (2 miles). Favourites for the Doncaster to be run on Saturday week are Immediate (Davis), Blue Legend, Abbeville (Thompson), Ascension (Cook), Royal Gem (Breasley), Silent, Native Son, River, Hero, Bragger, Cragman (Muller) and Murray Stream (Munro), while Sydney Cup hopes are Silver Link (Muller), Swan River (Cook), Don Pedro (Heather), Craigie (Duncan), Russia, Cordale, Magnificent and Gay Lad. Cross-country jockey Bill Foley died on Sunday following a fall during the Corio Hurdle at Geelong on Saturday. Fifty Australian racehorses have been ordered by Ceylon owners. Owner of Melbourne sprinter Attley has given all his stakes winnings to the St. Leger Loan—nearly £29,000 to date.

Sporting organisations have decided Servicemen will not be admitted free in future. . . . The English Rugby League team are expected to arrive on H.M.S. Indomitable on May 6 and all are hoping to take back with them food and clothing. . . . Prices of the new golf balls will probably range from 3/- to 3/3 for the cheaper type and 3/9 to 4/- for slightly better ones. . . . A grant of £4,200 towards the cost of bringing a leading American swimming coach to Australia is being asked of the Federal Government. . . . Thirty-four swimmers have already been selected to train intensively for the 1948 Olympic Games.

On second thoughts I question if successfully running a family alone is a completely impractical undertaking. For I hear thousands of women answer in the absurd words of Irma's comic Welshman: "It's an impossible job; we're doing it!"

did his best and failed, and now we must think of something else for him to do.)

"Come down from that tree at once," shrieks maternal anxiety to five-year-old astride a low branch; you'll only fall and hurt yourself." "Don't make him nervous," answers paternal sense, "leave him alone, and he'll learn to climb like a cat." (Which he does.)

Quiet, unfussy common sense is the trump card in the fatherless home. Tremble if you must, but tremble in solitude. There is no more certain road to disaster than to pull out the suffering mother stuff: "You wouldn't do a thing like that—sniff—if you really loved poor mummy."

Love! What a pitiless whip it can be to crack round young shoulders. It has often seemed to me that even in normal homes parents sometimes claim for too much applied affection from their children. They demand as their right a too demonstrative, too grown-up love; and they are constantly probing to see if it exists, forgetting that the love of a child is a small green growth, frail, and only yet developing. If forced too hard it may wither and never grow into a sturdy natural plant.

How deeply this fact applies to the mother-alone. She must live in her solitude, asking for nothing. But one day she may discover that all the time she has possessed everything; shy tendrils of care and affection and compassion have been springing up all round her.

Last summer a mother crossed the single-track line of a remote railway-halt, bought the tickets and then sat down to look at the view. A few minutes later 14-year-old paddled across after her—"I've come to see what's happened to you, Mummy, I don't much like you crossing the line alone; you might catch your heel in the points, or get cut off by the train. You know, darling, sometimes you're very dreamy and absent-minded." (Who, I should like to know, was looking after whom?)

## Mistakes Inevitable

Can any thoughtful person deny that people always get the children they deserve? One doesn't need to look far to see that bad-tempered people get irritable children; back-biters acquire offspring who soon turn round and savage them; parents with a slack and inverted sense of humour discover that they have bred up dirty-minded brats. If my children are misfits in life I shall be quite sure that it is I who have made them so.

The bringing up of a child is the evolution of a complete person; a maturing, not just the piling up of years. It is a matter of constant, but of almost silent, endeavour. It is so easy to talk too much; to fuss.

Children are experimenting with the art of living; you cannot expect them to become proficient in their first twenty years. They are certain to make mistakes and do foolish things. Wasn't it Chesterton who said that if a man really cannot make a fool of himself we may be quite certain that the effort is superfluous? Very well; it is a mistake to think that your efforts have failed utterly if the young person sows, just a few rolled-onts. Don't be a fussy hen; were you completely wise at a similar age?

A corporate sense of humour, an appreciation of the ridiculous, will often carry a family round a dangerous corner. The family which can laugh is a family doing nicely. If allowed to develop naturally the average child is quite extraordinarily sensible; from a very early age it is ready to co-operate and to listen to reason. It won't blame the mother alone if she cannot afford it—extravagant luxuries. As long as she can create an atmosphere of security and masculinity the child will be content.

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# SECRET RAEDER PAPERS

## How British Skill Broke Nazi Spirit

### And Hitler Flew Into Tantrums

NUERNBERG, APRIL 23.

**IN THE WINTRY TWILIGHT OFF THE NORTHERN-MOST TIP OF NORWAY, BRITISH NAVAL GUNS THUNDERED THE DEATH KNEEL OF THE GERMAN FLEET ON THE LAST DAY OF 1942. SECRET PAPERS LEFT BEHIND BY GRAND ADM. ERICH RAEDER AT NAVAL HEADQUARTERS, AFTER HE LOST HIS SUPREME COMMAND BECAUSE OF THE NORTH CAPE FIASCO, HAVE SUPPLIED THE INSIDE STORY OF HOW BRITISH FIGHTING SKILL BROKE THE GERMAN SPIRIT.**

WITH TONNAGE AND FIRE POWER IN THEIR FAVOUR, OR AT ANY RATE, NO WORSE THAN EQUAL, TWO OF GERMANY'S FINEST CRUISERS THE HIPPER AND THE LUETZOW WERE ROUTED BY ROYAL NAVY WARSHIPS ESCORTING A MERCHANT CONVOY TO MURMANSK, WHEN HITLER HEARD ABOUT IT, HE FLEW INTO ONE OF HIS WORST TANTRUMS.

This is Raeder's own memorandum of a one-and-a-half hour tongue lashing six days after the defeat, which the Fuehrer's communique had attempted to disguise as a triumph:

"The Fuehrer said the navy had no meaning in the years of 1864, 1866 and 1870. The role of the German High Seas Fleet in the first world war had no meaning. It lacked men who would commit it to action, even without agreement from the Kaiser. It sapped a great deal of fighting strength while the army had continuously heavy fighting."

"The revolution and scuttling at Scapa Flow were no page of glory for the navy."

#### Heavy Ships Renounced

"The navy has always allowed its numerical relationship to enemy forces to be a great factor—but not so with the army."

"The Fuehrer as a land soldier demanded that if the German forces got into action the action should be fought through."

"Large ships should not be tied up month long in the harbour without objectives, strong Luftwaffe forces are thereby tied up for their protection."

"If it comes to a Norwegian landing it is better that the Luftwaffe should attack the landing forces than protect our own fleet."

"The war until now has been carried on by light sea forces. The small have protected the big. Not the big protected the small."

"If the Fuehrer renounces heavy ships it is not a degradation but parallel to what happened to the cavalry in the army."

"The Fuehrer mentioned that Stalin's navy was transferring battleship crews to destroyers."

"The Fuehrer has ordered the crew from the Gneisenau to be available for general disposition, because the Gneisenau had not been scheduled to be ready for sea until the end of 1944."

#### Humiliating Treatment

A week after his humiliating treatment Raeder dispatched two letters to the Fuehrer.

One was a formal recommendation that either Adm. Rolf Carls or Adm. Karl Doenitz was suited to take over the command which Raeder was resigning.

Raeder, faithful to the surface fleet, left no doubt that he would like to see the command go to Adm. Carls, "because of his personality, experience in leadership of operations and many other functions, such as ship design."

But he conceded that Doenitz's appointment would emphasize that the "U-boat war has special importance for a war decision" and reminded Hitler that Raeder himself had given Doenitz "three powerful promotions in this war."

The second letter was a report likely to be regarded as of lasting significance by naval historians.

In detail it confessed German mistakes and British superiority in the North Sea battle saying:

#### British Success

"A tactical success was doubtless gained by the enemy. He brought through a convoy undamaged and, of the attacking German units, we sank one destroyer, the *Friederich Eckoldt*, and a heavy cruiser, the *Hipper*, was damaged. His losses according to an official declaration of the British Admiralty were the destroyer *Achates*, sunk; the destroyer *Ondow*, damaged, and the mine sweeper, *Bramble*, sunk."

The report stated that the German cruiser *Luetzow* also took part in the action, but he

### Nazis Go Back On Confession

DACHAU, APRIL 23.

Confessions said to have been made by two of the 60 members of the Mauthausen camp staff charged before the United States Military Court for alleged atrocities, were retracted at today's hearing.

Leopold Trauner, aged 63 and oldest of the accused said that the figure attributed to him of 3,500 prisoners being killed when he was supervisor should have been "five or six."

Willy Ebert, camp laundryman, said that his written statement made to the Court last week was "a tissue of lies from beginning to end".

Heinrich Eisenhower, accused S.S. man, said that there were books in his department showing credits to prisoners in three banks of more than 3,000,000 marks taken from prisoners on their arrival at Mauthausen.

There were also 27,000 envelopes containing prisoners' jewellery and other valuable.

—Reuter

### Food Truth For Germans

HAMBURG, APRIL 23.

The German people will tonight be told the truth about the food situation in a Control Commission statement broadcast over the Hamburg Radio to kill rumours that the Occupation authorities are living off the country and exporting food.

They will hear that all food for Germans, with exception of a small amount of perishable foodstuff for hospitals, has been imported, and that 93 per cent of food for displaced persons has been imported.

A million tons of foodstuff has been brought into the British Zone since the middle of June. The statement will add that coal exports from the Ruhr

are not reparations, but used to pay for imported food, the cost of which is far in excess of the value of the coal.—Reuter

### Poisoning Deliberate

NUREMBERG, APRIL 23.

Evidence of deliberate poisoning has been found at a stalag 13 miles from Nuremberg, where, it was announced last week, 1,900 German prisoners of war had been taken seriously ill from poisoning.

Four bottles of arsenic and two empty bottles have been found under the floor of a German bakery.

The prisoners were reported last Friday to have been taken ill after eating bread, which early investigation showed contained arsenic.

In accordance with normal procedure, bread was obtained from a local German bakery by contract.—Reuter

### FORMOSANS LEAVE SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE, APRIL 23.

About 3,000 Formosans and Koreans, including 365 women and children are leaving Singapore for home tomorrow aboard a Japanese cargo vessel.

It is understood here that more Formosans and Koreans are expected to arrive from Sumatra shortly and will be kept in camps here until shipping is available to repatriate them.—Reuter

### ANDERS RUMOUR DENIED

ROME, APRIL 23.

In reply to inquiries concerning reports of the death of the Polish general Anders, headquarter at Ancona said yesterday that he was "perfectly all-right."—Associated Press.

—Washington, Apr. 23.

The State Department announced today that Russia has agreed to discuss mutual commercial aviation problems similar to those discussed at the British-American-Bermuda meeting.—Associated Press.

### R.A.F. Mission For Far East

LONDON, APRIL 23.

A special R.A.F. Mission to the Far East, which is to make a detailed investigation of Japanese navigational methods and equipment, is expected to leave England tomorrow in a Lancaster aircraft.

The mission consists of members of the Empire Navigation School, and is led by Wing-Commander Dunncliffe, who piloted a Lancaster Aries on the recent record-making flight to South Africa.

They will fly via Lydda, Karachi, Delhi, Burma, Ceylon, Malaya States and Singapore and go on to Canton and Tokyo.—Reuter

### OPERATION ON DUCHESS

CANBERRA, APRIL 23.

The Duchess of Gloucester is to undergo an operation for appendicitis in Gloucester House Hospital next Sunday, it was officially announced today.—Reuter.

—Associated Press.

### Arbitration In India Acceptable To Congress

(By FRASER WIGHTON)

NEW DELHI, APRIL 23.

The conviction that the Indian Congress Party would be willing to accept international arbitration in a settlement of the present constitutional problem was expressed tonight by Sardar Vallabhai Patel, one of the most powerful political figures in India and a member of the Congress Working Committee.

Referring to the question of international arbitration, Mr.

Patel declared that there could be no better solution

than this, but added the warning "of any solution is imposed, or decision taken, by the British Cabinet Mission which is unacceptable to the Indian parties, there can be no withdrawal of British power, because it will have to stay in India in order to impose its weight—a situation that would not be tenable for any length of time."

I expressed to Mr. Patel the

feeling of disappointment that there is still no sign of a meeting between the Congress Party leaders and those of the Moslem League.

He answered that the Congress position had been clear all along, and that there could be no settlement of the communal question until British power was withdrawn from India.

"If the delegation wants to transfer power and is preparing for withdrawal by trying to bring about a settlement between the two parties," he asserted, "it is bound to fail in its efforts."

The strong lines of his face relaxed slightly as he added that the mission in that event would still have the goodwill and food

wishes of Congress for its harvest endeavours to reach a settlement.

If a just and peaceful solution would be helped by submitting the question to international arbitration, Mr. Patel felt that the Congress Party would be ready to do this. He said the alternative was for the British to hand over power to the elected representatives, either of the Congress Party or the Moslem League.

"If you did that," he said, "the country would settle the question in no time."

Trouble Expected

"By constitutional means?" I asked. "It cannot be by constitutional means," he replied, adding that although there might be trouble for some time if power were transferred to one party, the other party would come to terms. He repeated that there might be some trouble.

"Do you mean civil war?" I asked. "No," he replied—"Just little disturbances here and there. You are bound to get that in a big country."

He agreed that the most urgent task on hand was the formation of an interim government.

"The Mission should do that without consulting either Congress or the Muslim League," he said. "They should ask the governments of the provinces to elect their representatives—one from each of the 11 provinces and the remaining four or five provided perhaps by the minorities."

It is thought that the Cabinet delegates may call a joint meeting with Indian leaders and submit proposals for a settlement.—Reuter.

### Franciscan Monk Tried For Treason

MALTA, APRIL 23.

Describing himself as a monk of the order of Franciscan Friars, Paul Ignatius Chetcuti appeared in court here yesterday with eight other Maltese charged with high treason through service in the Italian armed forces.

The accused had all been brought to Malta from Italy.

Chetcuti appeared in civilian clothes.

A statement was said to have been made by Chetcuti to Maltese police investigators who interrogated him at an Italian monastery and he disclosed that he had served with the Italian forces as a chaplain.

The Maltese renegade leader, exprofessor Carlo Mallia, had asked for spiritual assistance for the "Maltese-action" movement, some members of which joined the Italian forces, the alleged statement continued.

On referring the matter to his religious superiors, he was instructed to serve as a chaplain. Chetcuti was alleged to have added.—Associated Press.

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## ADM. HAROURT'S APPEAL

## Practise Economy, Prevent Waste

## Australian Revue

It was expected that the show brought to Hong Kong by Wilfrid Thomas, the famed Australian radio comedian, would be good. But it is better than that; it is quality entertainment; burlesque almost from start to finish, but magnificently burlesque, tremendously satisfying. Only if the pimpmobile microphone were less in evidence could it be made more so, though the artists who make use of it readily earn forgiveness by the charm of their voices.

No one, of course, would suspect Joe Lawman, who heads the bill, of needing its assistance. Here is a comedian of first rank, seizing every opportunity for good fun, and with so expressively mobile a face that merely to look is to laugh. This is the heaviest burden, but an almost a show in himself, he makes light of the task.

Wilfrid Thomas conveys with his customary artistry and droll humour, but he does more than that. He reveals himself as an adroit performer in amusing sketches, and his delightful parody on a sentimental love ballad is one of the cleverest items in the programme, without permitting one to overlook, in the quality of the voice, that he was once an outstanding performer with the Westminster Glee Singers.

Margorie Prowse, baby of the show, warms the audience with charming songs; Barbara James puts across modern swing in a manner which explains her Australian radio reputation; Dot Hubner instantly had the house joining in her skilfully played accordion variations on popular airs; and Joy Robin is an admirable partner and foil to Lawman numbers.

An excellent bill also includes Vera Kurska and Ernest Vudie who dance with light grace as though they like doing it and find it amusing rather than because they must.

This Australian revue company has been sent to Hong Kong by the British Centre, Sydney, who have this time picked a winner. There is no show this evening, but tomorrow evening and the following two nights, the Revue will continue with its season at the China Fleet Club, going to the ENSA Star Theatre, Kowloon, next week.

## Money Mart

The Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange re-opened for business yesterday after the holidays, with rates for both Chinese national currency and gold steady.

Chinese national currency opened at HK\$2.35 to CN\$1.000 for futures and \$2.46 for spot, and closed at \$2.42 and \$2.50 respectively.

Gold opened at \$427 per tael, and after slight fluctuations closed at \$426.

U.S. dollars spurted over the week-end and yesterday large notes were in demand at \$5 and small at \$4.95. English Sterling had buyers at \$17 and Australian pounds at \$12.50.

Foreign currencies which have dropped notes. The former, which until quite recently were quoted at \$52 to Tel. 100, were sold yesterday at \$38. Plastic notes dropped to \$30 for old and \$27 for new (per 100 pieces 100).

## SHIP BLOWS

Oslo, Apr. 23. Fourteen people were killed when the 4,000-ton "Ramos" blew up while lying alongside a quay at Henningsvær, Lofoten Islands, on Easter Sunday. Fourteen of the crew are missing and fifteen more were injured.

The ship, which had been loading salt fish for four days, was lying in a berth which used to be a minefield. It is believed that the explosion was due to a delayed explosion from one of the depth charges which had been dropped to clear the minefield some time ago.—Reuter.

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7.15 & 9.15 P.M.

## GUARD OF HONOUR

The Royal Navy provided a special guard of honour yesterday morning for the arrival at Flaxstaff Steps of Rear-Admiral Willard A. Klits U.S.N., the new Commander of U.S. Task Force 74 in succession to Rear-Admiral C. T. Joy.

All ships in the vicinity have been warned to keep a lookout for a crashed Dutch aircraft which is two days overdue on a flight from Balikpapan to Kalang.

## GOVT. SERVANTS RETURN

A number of Hong Kong Government servants arrived back in the Colony yesterday from Brisbane in the s.s. "Maridu". They included Frank Brett and W. R. Hillier, of the Harbour Dept.; S. W. George and F. E. Lawrence, of the P.W.D.; and several police officers.

## News Of Honour Came Too Late

It has been disclosed for the first time in Hong Kong that the late Lady Margaret Ho Tung appeared in the 1942 New Year Honour List. She was awarded the O.B.E.

The honour was published in the London newspapers at the time, but owing to the occupation of Hong Kong by the Japanese, the announcement was not known here, nor was it ever published.

The Colonial Office recently confirmed the award in reply to a query sent by the Hong Kong Military Administration.

Lady Margaret, herself, was never aware of the honour bestowed on her. She died in Hong Kong, while it was still under Japanese rule, on Feb. 7, 1944.

A memorial service for her was held at "Idlewild", on Feb. 16 of this year.

## SNATCH THIEVES

At the Summary Military Court before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday, three snatches were found guilty and convicted.

For snatching \$10.95 from a Chinese in Shan Tung Street on April 21, Wu Kuan was sentenced to two months hard labour.

Chen Kam Chuen was also sent to prison for two months for snatching \$15.70 from the complainant, Lau Lan, in Shanghai Street on April 20. Inspector Thomas prosecuted.

With Inspector Dow prosecuting, Tam Kwan Sum, summoned for snatching \$130 and a pocket book from Chau To, was sentenced to three months hard labour.

## ACCUSED CLAIMS AN ALIBI

COMPLETE DENIAL OF HIS PRESENCE ON LANTAU ISLAND BETWEEN AUGUST 18 AND 25 WAS MADE BY THE 11TH ACCUSED, L/CPL. ANDO TAKASHI AT THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL YESTERDAY WHEN TESTIFYING IN HIS OWN BEHALF AT THE RESUMED TRIAL OF 14 JAPANESE FOR WAR CRIMES ON THE ISLAND.

Ando stated that he had been sent to Canton on August 7 and did not return to the Kowloon Defence Headquarters until August 23. He remained in the Defence HQ. until August 26 when he rejoined the Kishi HQ. at Tsun Wan.

"Therefore," Ando declared, "I have nothing to do with the alleged offences which had been committed on Lantau between August 18 and 25."

Supporting his claim, two Japanese prisoners of war from Shamshui Po camp were called by the Defence to give evidence.

Both witnesses stated that they had known of Ando's transfer to Canton and that they did not see him until August 26 when they were at Tsun Wan.

## Not Beaten

Next accused called to testify in his own behalf was the 12th defendant, 1st Class Private Takahashi Haruhiko. He told the Court that after the guerrilla attack on his Company on August 19, he was assigned to guard the Chinese suspects brought in from villages.

He said he saw many of the suspects made to kneel on the ground and others had their hands tied behind their backs.

He denied that he had beaten up one of the suspects with a hammer.

Accused admitted, however, that he had struck a few suspects when they attempted to untie their hands and to escape. He said that he was given permission by his superior officer, Lieut. Kishi (1st accused), to strike them if they attempted to escape.

Private Uemura Giseku, 14th accused, said that after the attack he had been performing sentry duty at No. 2 post about 200 metres from the Company's barracks until August 24. Between the night of August 24 and the morning of 25, he was assigned to guard the Chinese suspects in the barracks.

During the period he guarded the suspects, he said they were all in a room inside the barracks and were tied to each other. He

## Bail In Extortion Case Reduced

Bail of \$3,000 in respect of Royal Isaac Fernandez, Inspector of Police, who appeared with three other defendants before a General Military Court yesterday on charges of extortion and accepting bribes, was reduced to bail of \$500 with surety of \$500.

Major A. Lonsdale, appearing for the Crown, said that the prosecution was unable to adduce evidence in support of the extortion and bribery charges as set out in the indictment, but desired to proceed with the case after the substitution of other names and dates in respect of the charges.

The President of the Court, Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, ruled that, in the circumstances, the case be referred to the Legal Adviser for his further consideration with a recommendation that he should advise committal proceedings be taken.

**Other Accused**

The other three accused in the case are John Charles Stoppa, junr. Inspector, Yeung Wah-chau, clerk, and Tang Sui-hung, boatman, all Harbour Office employees. Stoppa and Yeung are on bail of \$500.

A further ground as to why such a full statement should be furnished was embraced in the question as to whether the defendants should be tried jointly or separately. Without committal evidence or such a full statement, the Court would have nothing before it on which to exercise its discretion.

Contending further that a conspiracy charge was improperly brought where a completed offence was also laid, Mr. da Silva said that it would be apparent that one of the witnesses for the Crown, namely, Stradmoor, should have been included as one of the conspirators.

**Original Charge**

From the original charge laid against Stoppa, this being a charge of obstructing the police in the lawful discharge of their duty, Mr. da Silva said, one could reasonably infer someone saying to Stradmoor and Stoppa, "Will you give evidence for the prosecution against Fernandez?"

Mr. da Silva continued: "Stoppa said 'No' and this obstructing charge was hung over his head for weeks. Then, when it became apparent that the threat in this charge would not work, Stoppa was charged with the present charges as laid."

**Full Statement**

The Proclamation and the Rules, Mr. da Silva submitted, necessitated that where no committal evidence had been taken, a full statement of the evidence to be brought against the accused should be furnished by the Crown. This the Crown had failed to do.

## Military Expediency

Mr. da Silva said: "We are on the threshold of a reversal to civil administration and to the civil court. Why the necessity of the use of a measure of military expediency which would deny Fernandez the fair trial he would get next month?"

Addressing the Court in respect of the present circumstances of the Crown case against the accused; Major Lonsdale said that the witnesses were for the most part fishermen from Cheung Chau Island. Their knowledge of and regard for the law was slight. Immediately after the names of the witnesses had been made public it was found that three of them were no longer to be found.

The Crown, in the circumstances, could substitute other similar charges against the accused than those set out in the indictment.

The President of the Court, Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, then ruled that the case be referred to the Legal Adviser for further consideration.

## CNAC SERVICE

As from yesterday the CNAC has augmented its passenger service between Hong Kong and Shanghai by the addition of another aircraft. The plane which left yesterday was a C.46 which had accommodation for about 30 passengers.

The addition has been made to cope with the heavy demand for passengers. One plane will leave on Sundays, and another on Tuesdays.

## "CAMEL" CIGARETTES

The distribution of "Camel" Cigarettes to the public at Messrs. Wing On & Co. Ltd., has been stopped for the time being owing to the large disorderly crowd of would-be purchasers. Government offices and commercial firms can now apply by letter for supplies to the Purchasing Dept., 1st floor. Letters must be signed by the Head of the Department, and commercial firms must have their Company's shop on applications.

A part-time bus service was resumed yesterday between Tsimshatsui and Hung Hom for the convenience of those working at the Hung Hom Dock. The bus ran for two hours in the morning, from 7.12 to 9.12 a.m., and for four hours in the afternoon, from 5.42 to 9.42 p.m. The fare is 20 cents a person.

There was a large attendance yesterday at the weekly tiffin meeting of the Hong Kong Rotary Club. The speaker was Mr. D. L. Bosanquet, who gave the second part of his address, entitled "Escape from Shamshui Po."

The recent charity concert staged by the staff and pupils of St. Stephen's Girls' College netted a total of CN\$4,200,000 (approx. HK\$10,000) which has been handed over to Blip Ronald Hall for remittance to the distressed areas in China.

## "SOS" SIGNAL PICKED UP

A distress signal was picked up on Monday afternoon from the American merchant ship, S.S. Rainbow, reporting that she had run aground near the Bonin Islands.

The ship appealed for immediate assistance as she was taking water fast in holds No. 1, 2 and 3.

The S.S. Flying Mist radioed back that she had altered course and was making full steam at 10% knots for the "Rainbow's" position. A later message from the damaged ship said that she had hove to and that the incoming water was slowly gaining on the pumps.

## RE-ESTABLISHING OF COMPANY RECORDS

(Continued from Page 1) ditions but where remedies exist already and no assistance by new legislation is necessary, shareholders and others are expected to take steps themselves to protect their interests.

It is believed that some persons interested have held back supposing, presumably, that it was advisable to await an announcement of policy by the Administration. These are urged not to delay further.

It is further pointed out that any shareholders who have lost these certificates, whether or not these certificates were accompanied by blank signed transfers, should inform the company of the loss giving all relevant particulars possible.

## Ban On Share Transfers

Those persons beneficially entitled to shares who merely held certificates, not in their own names, accompanied by signed transfer forms, and who are no longer in possession of these, should also give notice to the company concerned but there may be cases where the company by its articles is empowered to refuse to give any recognition to such a claim. In such cases, a person should proceed by way of "notice in lieu of distraintas." This latter procedure will be available when the Civil Courts re-open.

Arrangements will be made whereby the ban on the transfer of shares will not be lifted until this procedure by way of "notice in lieu of distraintas" is available to those who wish to file such a notice.

Both the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce and the Hong Kong Chinese Chamber of Commerce have been supplied with more detailed information as to the remedies of shareholders, and members of these two Chambers who are concerned may obtain such information from them. Alternatively persons affected are advised to consult their solicitors.

## Company Practice

The statement released deals also with the position of companies called upon to register transfers when the ban is lifted. It is recommended that all companies should give notice to a shareholder cut of whose name shares are sought to be transferred.

It is suggested that such notice should allow a registered shareholder two weeks at least within which to object where such shareholder is known to be within the Colony and considerably longer where he is outside the Colony.

This practice was a precautionary measure followed by many companies prior to the war but it is considered advisable that all companies without exception should adhere to such a measure for some considerable time yet to come.

"The main object of issuing this interim statement" a member of the Committee stated, "was to impress upon people that they must not expect to sit back and do nothing. If members of the public have rights and interests to protect, there are remedies available and it is up to those concerned to avail themselves of them."

Owing to an unfortunate break-down of the programme, the usual concert of Variety on Records will not be given this evening at the Toe H Services Club, Kowloon. It is hoped to give the concert later in the week and in that case, a further notice will be issued giving time and programme.

Summoned before Mr. W. H. Latimer on two charges of armed robbery and kidnapping, Lau Kam Sui, Shadman, was committed for trial before the General Court yesterday. Owing to the changing over of Military Administration to Civil Government, no date was fixed. Chief Detective Inspector Fraser was in charge of the case.

# MacArthur Resents All Criticism

## British Air Lines In Italy

Washington, Apr. 23. — Jack Frye, President of Transworld Airways, today suggested that the Italian Government should revise the exclusive civil aviation franchise it has given the joint Italo-American airline in order to allow for British aviation competition.

Frye told a news conference: "We have no objection to competition with British airlines but we are not willing to accept them as partners."

He said the British Government had made many objections to the deal between Transworld and Linee Aeree Italiane because it felt "frozen out" of the potentially profitable Italian airlines business.

Recalling that the Italian Government had given LAI exclusive rights over the principal domestic air routes in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia, Frye suggested that if the Italian Government would open parallel routes to the British, Transworld would have no objection. —Associated Press.

## JAP. WAR TRIALS

Tokyo, Apr. 23. — Joseph B. Keenan, chief war crimes prosecutor, said yesterday there was a "bare possibility" that wartime Premier Hideki Tojo and other major war criminals may be indicted Saturday at the earliest because of slow translation.

Asked if Emperor Hirohito would be indicted, Keenan said "I have no comment."

Keenan said that the Russians have not asked for any charge or specific charges against Tojo and only for technical preamble changes. —Associated Press.

## NAGOYA SGT. ON TRIAL

Tokyo, Apr. 23. — Sergeant Unosuke Mantani, who was second in command of the Nagoya prison, of war camp, was accused of brutal torture of Americans and other Allied prisoners in charges filed today by the legal section of Allied Headquarters.

Mantani was accused of lighting combustible material and holding it against exposed parts of prisoners' bodies. —Associated Press.

Kure, Apr. 23. — Major-General H. Ninnis, whose brigade was the first complete unit of British Commonwealth Occupation Forces to arrive in Japan, is planning to leave soon to assume the Northern Australian command, with headquarters in Brisbane. —Associated Press.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES

### MAIL NOTICE

#### OUTWARD MAILS

		Wednesday, 23rd April.	
Macao & Tsinshan	Kwong Sai	9.00 a.m.	
Haiphong	Oradei	10.00 a.m.	
Singapore	Taksang	2.00 p.m.	
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Bangkok & Saigon	By Air	(Reg.) 1.45 p.m.	
Canton	By Train	2.00 p.m.	4.00 p.m.
		Thursday, 24th April.	
Macao & Tsinshan	Kwong Fook Cheung	9.00 a.m.	
Formosa	Tak King Wo	10.00 a.m.	
Straits & Calcutta	Yueusang	(Parcels) 11.30 a.m.	
Hoitow	Chip Sun	12.00 p.m.	
Australia via Sydney	H. M. S. Whitesand Bay	(Reg.) 2.30 p.m.	
Airmail for Canton, Chungking & Kunming	C.N.A.C. Plane	(Reg.) 3.00 p.m.	
Koumou	Fook Foi	3.15 p.m.	
Canton	By Train	3.30 p.m.	4.00 p.m.
		Friday, 25th April.	
Macao & Tsinshan	Kwong Sai	9.00 a.m.	
Canton	Sei On	10.00 a.m.	
Bangkok	Ninghai	2.00 p.m.	
Shanghai	Tsinan		
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Rangoon, Singapore & Sydney	By Air	(Reg.) 1.45 p.m.	
Canton	By Train	2.00 p.m.	4.00 p.m.
		Saturday, 26th April.	
Macao & Tsinshan	Kwong Fook Cheung	9.00 a.m.	
Airmail for Canton & Shanghai	C.N.A.C. Plane	(Reg.) 9.15 a.m.	
Canton	Fatshan	10.00 a.m.	
Saigon & Bangkok	Edna		
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Durban, Rangoon, Singapore & Sydney	By Air	(Reg.) 1.45 p.m.	
Canton	Carpen	2.00 p.m.	
		Sunday, 27th April.	
Macao & Tsinshan	Anhui	4.5-10.00 a.m.	
Airmail for Shanghai	C.N.A.C. Plane	(Reg.) 9.30 a.m.	
Haiphong and Saigon	Carpen	10.00 a.m.	
Straits & Ceylon, India, East & South Africa, Aden, Egypt, Europe & United Kingdom via Liverpool	Lycaon	(Parcels) 4.5-9.00 p.m.	
		(Reg.) 4.5-2.45 p.m.	
		(Ord.) 4.0-9.00 p.m.	

## ATOM RESEARCH AND CANCER

NO U.S. PLANE IN AREA

Washington, April 23. — The greatest benefit from the atomic programme may be in treatment of cancer and similar diseases, says a special War Department committee on atomic energy.

The report, quoted in the state Department's study on international control of atomic energy, also says there is "no foundation in current science for the hope" that atomic power can be used effectively for light, portable units for aircraft and automotive power.

"But," said the report, "we believe that the development of rather large power units for heat and conversion to electrical energy is a programme for the near future."

The scientists said they did not regard atomic energy as a competitor with coal and petroleum products but "as a supplement to existing sources, and an incentive to new development."

Dr. J. R. Oppenheimer, Dr. A. H. Compton and others prepared the report, which said "We should not be astonished if the greatest benefit of the atomic programmes were in therapy for some of the neo-plastic diseases, such as cancer," and in new understandings in biology, medicine, chemistry and physics. —Associated Press.

## Australia And United States

London, Apr. 23.

Prime Minister Chifley of Australia said today that Australia wanted the United States to take a greater interest in the Pacific than before the war, but that bases in that area should not necessarily belong to any one nation.

Mr. Chifley is in London for the opening of the conference of Commonwealth prime ministers today.

He said Australia was pressing strongly for determination of a general policy in the Pacific and indicated this would be a major consideration at the conference. He said Australia and New Zealand were in general agreement on Pacific matters.

Fourth, he gave negative replies to three out of four suggestions at its first meeting. On the fourth suggestion, he gave a partly favourable reply.

Fifth, questions requesting information regarding many thousands of war guilty Japanese still in official positions in Japan drew filibustering replies from the head of the Military Government.

Eisenhower To Visit Orient

Washington, Apr. 23.

The War Department announced today that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff, would leave this week for an inspection tour in the Pacific and Orient.

It said Eisenhower undoubtedly would see Gen. Douglas MacArthur, supreme Allied commander in Japan, during the tour. The itinerary is to be announced later but will include the principal stations of United States forces in the Far East theatre. The purpose of the trip is to see at first hand the problems and needs of the troops. He expects to be gone a month. —Associated Press.

## THE MONTHS AHEAD ARE CRITICAL

(Continued from Page 1)

Supplies to Europe will include \$500,000 worth of clothing, most of which will go to Poland.

Thousands of bushels are already on the way to Europe and several British merchantmen docked this week end. —Reuter.

Can't Meet Needs

Washington, Apr. 23.

While President Truman reported to Congress yesterday on U. N. R. R. A. appropriations, Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson said it would not be possible for the wheat exporting countries to supply U.N.R.R.A. with the 700,000 tons of wheat and flour requested monthly.

Truman warned that only concerted action by the United Nations could alleviate the desperate conditions in the world. "We must not fail," he wrote in his report which, though dealing with the last quarter of 1946, obviously was based on the present more critical conditions.

Anderson told a news conference that U.N.R.R.A. will be allotted more than the 340,000 tons previously promised it in April.

"There is simply not enough wheat in existence to give the amount the amount is asked for," he warned, however.

Anderson said the combined food board on Wednesday expects to announce the allocation of cereals for the April-June emergency period. He added that the British and Canadian representatives may make known their action of the United States in reducing the domestic distribution of wheat. —Associated Press.

Lieutenant-General Chao Chih-hsiang, acting commander of the Government's armies in the north-east, is due to fly from Mukden over the Changchun area today to survey the military situation there. A "New Life" correspondent described the five United States novemen

## BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION HONG KONG

### LEGAL BRANCH

#### NOTICE

#### COMPANIES ORDINANCE, 1932

#### BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION HONG KONG

#### C.A. Medical Branch

#### NOTICE

As from Tuesday, April 23, the telephone numbers of THE NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK will be as follows:

80321

(FIVE LINES)

#### BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION HONG KONG

#### MEDICAL BRANCH

#### NOTICE

The Companies Registry is now open for registration of new companies, filing annual returns and generally for the transaction of business.

The following registers and books have been recovered:

1. Roll of Public and Private Companies;

2. Limited Partnership Register;

3. Chinese Limited Partnership Register;

4. Register of Trust Companies;

5. Registers of Mortgages.

On the other hand none of the files of companies, other than those relating to companies which registered during the Japanese occupation, have been recovered so far and it is feared they may have perished.

It is not known how far companies can supply this serious lacuna. It is obvious that if they cannot, legislation will be necessary.

In order to be able to consider the form of such legislation, all companies which were registered on the 24th December, 1941, and are now carrying on or intend to resume business in the Colony are asked to furnish the following particulars to the Registrar of Companies:

1. Name of the Company;

2. Whether the Company is registered as a Public or a Private Company;

3. Names of persons acting as Directors of the Company;

4. Name of person acting as Secretary of the Company;

5. Registered Office;

6. Whether in possession or able to obtain:

(a) copies of Memorandum and Articles of Association;

(b) Share Register;

(c) Register of Charges;

(d) copies of annual Returns since the incorporation of the Company;

(e) Copies of—

(i) Special resolutions;

(ii) Extraordinary resolutions;

(iii) Resolutions which have been agreed to by all the members of a Company, but which, if not so agreed to, would not have been effective for their purpose unless, as the case may be, they had been passed as special resolutions or as extraordinary resolutions.

(vi) Resolutions or agreements which have been agreed to by all the members of some class of shareholders, but which, if not so agreed to, would not have been effective for their purpose unless, as the case may be, they had been passed by some particular majority or otherwise in some particular manner and all resolutions or agreements which effectively bind all the members of any class of shareholders, though not agreed to by all those members.

While it is not proposed to

penalise companies and directors

who are endeavouring in

difficult circumstances to com-

ply with the law, it is obvious

that the present position cannot

be allowed to continue.

Dated the 23rd day of April,

1946.

H. A. de Barros Botelho,

Acting Registrar of Companies.

DATED the 18th day of

April, 1946.

For Lano Crawford, Ltd.

A. W. BROWN,

Liquidator.

## Communist Pressure Increasing

CHUNGKING, APRIL 23.

NEITHER GOVERNMENT NOR THE COMMUNISTS IN CHUNGKING HAD ANY FRESH WAR NEWS YESTERDAY.

LATEST REPORTS SAID THAT COMMUNIST PRESSURE WAS INCREASING AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT SPEARHEAD PROBING NORTH FROM BY-PASSED SZEPIНCKAI.

Nationalist reports from Changchun as being safe but without freedom of action.

North China Jitters

Approximately 100 Nationalist take-over officials are also detained there. The same paper carried reports from Harbin that a small number of Communists entered that city and demanded and obtained from the municipal authorities, 700,000 Gob dollars, equivalent to U.S. \$4,500.

The Peiping "People's Daily" reports that Government troops have reached Kungchuling (40 miles below Changchun) and are expected to engage in bitter fighting with the

## KING'S THEATRE

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WITH Narration by Li-cut, ROBERT TAYLOR.  
A 20th Century-Fox Picture.

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Service personnel may each bring one civilian guest

## Britain Agrees To Make New Sacrifices

WASHINGTON, APRIL 23.  
THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY AGREED TO THE DIVERSION OF 200,000 TONS OF CEREALS FROM ITS STOCKS AND "PIPELINE." IT WAS LEARNED AUTHORITATIVELY TODAY. A FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT ONLY AWAITS FINAL DECISIONS ON POINTS AT WHICH THE DIVERSIONS CAN MOST CONVENIENTLY AND EFFICIENTLY BE MADE.

Authoritative sources in Washington emphasized tonight that Britain proposed to allocate only 60,000 out of the 200,000 tons to U.N.R.R.A. countries. British officials, it is understood, want 50,000 tons to go to the British Zone of Occupation in Germany, 60,000 tons to the Far East, particularly India, and the remaining 20,000 tons to other countries in need.

It is emphasized that this contribution will have immediate effect in easing the grave situation of the famine-stricken countries of Europe. It will be in the hands and stomachs of hungry people long before the six-point programme of the United States is fully underway.

## I.L.P. Request

At Southport today the annual conference of the Independent Labour Party decided to send a telegram to Mr. Clement Attlee containing an urgent request that British food stocks should be immediately released for the peoples of Europe. The Party's chairman said that Britain was the only country that could do something immediately to save hundreds of thousands of decent people, who were dying in the streets and homes of Europe.

The National Council of the I.L.P. adopted a resolution calling on the United Nations organisation to give priority to the world food shortage above all others. It also declared that the situation demanded the setting up at once of a world food organisation incorporating the service which U.N.R.R.A. has built up.

## Experts At Work

The mover of the resolution said that neither Indians, because of their colour, nor the Germans, because of enmity, should be denied an equal share of the foodstuffs available. Another delegate said he would be quite ready for every member of the I.L.P. to go on prison rations if that would help to overcome hunger in Europe and India.

British Food Ministry experts were said to have spent the week-end in drawing up a scheme designed to give comparable effect in Britain to the 25 per cent cut in flour consumption in the United States. The Cabinet is expected to make an announcement shortly. The shadow of world famine will lie heavily upon the discussions of the Commonwealth Premiers, which open in London tomorrow. —Reuter.

## Seven-Point Offer By Teheran To Rebels

TABRIZ RADIO SAID YESTERDAY THAT FIGHTING HAD BROKEN OUT BETWEEN THE IRANIAN ARMY AND THE FEDAIL (VOLUNTEER AZERBAIJAN DEMOCRAT WARRIOR) SOUTH OF MINDABUR. SEVERAL FEDAI WERE KILLED AND FIFTEEN WOUNDED.

AN IRANIAN GENERAL STAFF OFFICER SAID NO OFFICIAL WORD OF ANY FIGHTING HAD BEEN RECEIVED IN TEHERAN.

The Tabriz radio announcement said that Iranian troops attacked with mortars and machine-guns, driving the Fedail from their positions, but that the latter regained their positions the following day.

Meanwhile, a seven-point programme for the return of Azerbaijan to the Iranian Nation Government was issued by Premier Quavam Es Sultan. It proposed:

(1) Agricultural, trade, industry, communications, education, health, police, justice and finance officers will be elected by provincial and city councils and their orders will be issued by the Government in Teheran.

(2) A provincial governor to be appointed by the Teheran Government on the recommendation of the Provincial council. Army and national police commanders for the area will be named in Teheran.

(3) The official language to remain Iranian, but office work is allowed in Azerbaijani (Turkish and Iranian), and schools to teach Azerbaijani in the five elementary classes.

(4) The Central Government to take into consideration negotiations for internal improvement.

(5) The Democratic Party and other political parties will be free "as they are already free in other parts of the country."

(6) No action will be taken against persons who have been helping the Democratic Party in Teheran.

(7) An adjustment will be made in the Azerbaijani parliamentary representation, according to the actual population.

Associated Press.

(8) The real problem is British control of the Mediterranean. American policy is said to provide that Britain's lifeline interests should suffer no harm.

Byrnes told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that it might be necessary to make separate treaties rather than have all the allies join each

strategic point.

Russia's demand for trusteeship over Tripolitania is one of the issues over which a deadlock could develop.

Britain's Lifeline.

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## PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned has received instructions from the Custodian of Property to sell by Public Auction, commencing at 10:30 a.m., on WEDNESDAY, the 24th April, 1946, at the premises of CHINA PROVIDENT GODOWNS 39 AND 40, KENNEDY TOWN, 55 Lots of Miscellaneous Goods, comprising:—

Newspaper, Chinese Letter Paper, Printed Forms, Chinese Inkpots, Shipping Tags, Mosquito Destroyer, Stenciled Boards, Duplicating Outfits, Glassware and Chinaware, Empty Drums, Knaps, Rubber Shoes, Etc., Etc.

The above Premises will be open to inspection on 22nd and 23rd April, 1946, between 10:00 a.m. and Noon, and between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The Auction is subject to the Conditions of Sale published in the 9th March, 1946, issue of the Gazette.

A. E. B. de SOUSA,  
Auctioneer.  
Hong Kong, 22nd April, 1946.

## BEN LINE STEAMERS LIMITED.

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## Call For Return To Private Trade

WASHINGTON, APRIL 23.

THE UNITED STATES HAS INFORMED GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE PURCHASING MISSIONS IN THIS COUNTRY THAT IT HOPES THEY WILL SHUT THEM DOWN AND THAT TRADE WILL BE RESTORED TO PRIVATE CHANNELS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PURCHASES OF FOOD AND GOVERNMENT SURPLUS PROPERTY ARE EXCEPTED. THE ADMINISTRATION IS OPPOSED TO PLANS FOR TURNING TEMPORARY WAR-TIME PURCHASING AGENCIES INTO PERMANENT INSTITUTIONS.

The Export and Import Bank half-yearly report states: "Exporters generally fear that the activities of missions may lead to their permanent establishment as the regular or principal channels through which countries will carry out their future trade with the United States."

Many purchasing missions designed to meet the exigencies of war-time procurement would need to continue operations during the transitional period. These should be subject to conditions.

Export and Import Bank officials say that six months should be an adequate transitional period. The report also states: "In making reconstruction loans to liberated and war-devastated countries the Export and Import Bank has been guided by a desire to restore foreign trade to private channels as quickly as possible."

Ward's commented that "the mounting wave of strikes in component producing plants and shortages of basic materials are holding schedules to less than half the industry's present capacity." The effects of the prevailing coal strike are also seen.—Associated Press.

## Chicago Grains

Chicago, April 22.

Another jump in the five-cent limited permitted in one Rye in its second consecutive day of a five-cent gain by contract following last Friday's announcement of the government programme for combating famine in Europe and Asia.

May Rye was quoted at \$2.58 1/2 per bushel, setting a new all-time high.

Prices in the Chicago Grain Exchange closed as follows:

Wheat:—May \$1.83 1/2 per bushel.

September \$1.83 1/2, December \$1.83 1/2. May (1947) \$1.83 1/2.

Rye:—May \$2.58 1/2, July \$1.48 1/2.

September \$0.48 1/2, December \$1.48 1/2.

Corn:—May \$1.21 1/2, July \$1.21 1/2.

September \$1.21 1/2, December \$1.21 1/2.

Barley:—May \$1.20 1/2, July \$1.20 1/2.

September \$1.20 1/2, December \$1.20 1/2.

Oats:—May \$0.83, July \$0.82 1/2.

September \$0.80 1/2, December \$0.80 1/2. Associated Press.

## TREASURY POSITION

Washington, April 22.

The position of the Treasury on April 18 compared with the corresponding date a year ago was as follows:

(This year) (Last year)

Total debt \$274,951,921,000 \$236,485,504,000

Gold Assets \$20,250,844,000 \$20,395,806,000

—Associated Press.

## LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers, Surveyors and Appraisers, Pedder Building, Telephone No. 20224.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions from The Custodian of Property to sell by Public Auction on

Friday, the 26th April, 1946 commencing at 10:30 a.m.

at the Premises of

The Kung On Godown,

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MISCELLANEOUS GOODS,

14 LOTS OF comprising:—

Account Books,

Stationery,

Straw Matting,

Broken Furniture,

Cow Hide,

Oil Residues,

Cotton Rags

and

Old Iron Hoops

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## RETAIL PRICES

Washington, April 23.

The Office of Price Administra-

tion announced today that

retail prices for the new Packard automobiles will range from

\$171 to \$307 higher than 1942

prices. The new prices apply

to cars built by the Packard

Company prior to the recent

war increase, OPA said. Of

course said this means there may

be a further increase later.

Associated Press.

## NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New Orleans, April 22.

Federal Exchange Market clos-

ing rates:

T.T. on Montreal \$90.81 1/2, Lon-

don \$110, Paris \$98 1/2,

Buenos Aires \$24.40, Rio de

Janer \$5.20, Mexico \$20.65.

Associated Press.

## FACTORIES SAVING

Detroit, April 23.

Apprehensive of a possible

steel famine, the automobile in-

dustry, which has been operat-

ing for months under restricted

supplies, is wasting none of

its available stock.

The Dodge division of Chrysl-

er Corporation reports con-

servation. In its pressed steel

department it is saving 300 tons

of steel weekly and not a pound

is wasted.

Other units of the industry are

making similar use of every

piece of metal that can be

utilized.

The steel shortage continues

to limit production in all car-

making companies.—Associated

Press.

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## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

Arrivals

Yesterday:—U.S.S. "SIN DAUNTLESS

from Milne, U.S.S. "CURRIOR", S.S.

"MARDU" from Australia and S.S.

"WILLIAM SPRUILE" from Shanghai.

## Scheduled Arrival

Today:—U.S.S. "LST-404", 522,

641, 610 & 655, U.S.S. "OBSTRUCTOR",

H.M.S. "Whimbrel" from Pratas, S.S.

"Crista" and S.S. "Edna" from Singa-

pore.

Tomorrow:—U.S.S. "ASHAPULU",

H.M.S. "Comet" from Malaya, R.F.A.

"Wave" Governor from Singapore, and

S.S. "HILTON" from Saigon, and

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## Departures

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## "NO SELFISH MOTIVE" Anglo-American Friendship Both Think The Same Way

### TRUMAN AT SEA

Norfolk, Va., Apr. 23.—President Truman boarded the aircraft carrier Roosevelt at 2:10 p.m., G.M.T. (11:10 p.m. U.K. Time) on Monday and within half an hour the flagship of the 8th Fleet was under way for naval maneuvers off the Virginia capes. —Associated Press.

### HE WENT TO THE DOGS

Birmingham, April 23.—In spite of his war experiences, which provided plenty of excitement, Albert Andrews, Military Medal and Bar aged 30, must still have thrills—so he went to the "dogs" to get them.

He is now a clerk but his Army record formed part of the story told to the Birmingham Stipendiary when he was fined 40 shillings for stealing £1.7s. 6d. from his former landlady. He told the police that he had spent it on "the dogs."

Detective J. Ross said that Andrews joined the Army at 15 and went to France soon after the outbreak of war. He was taken prisoner at Dunkirk but soon after the fall of France escaped from Aachen. Back in France he worked with the underground movement, carrying out sabotage for which he was later awarded the Military Medal. He served for eighteen months with Maquis, then got into Spain and was arrested at Barcelona.

On D-Day he went to France again and for bravery on that day was awarded a bar to his medal. He was wounded in Normandy.—Reuter.

## "Hell-Fire Corner" Controversy

(By Charles Lynch)

Dover, April 23.

Things are far from quiet today in what not so long ago was Britain's "Hellfire Corner." The days of the hectic aerial dogfights are over, and the 16-inch shells from Calais and Cap Gris Nez whine no more. The towering White Cliffs, where Battle of Britain observers once huddled, now are peaceful and deserted, littered with rusted barbed wire, pitted with shell holes and half-filled anti-tank ditches.

But Dover, hotspot of war's Hellfire Corner, is in the throes of a controversy that has the town in an uproar, and has held up reconstruction. Basis of the dispute is the town council's plan to finish what the Germans started—to pull down the buildings still standing in the heart of Dover, and rebuild the town on modern plans drawn up by the well-known architect, Sir Patrick Abercrombie.

The Dover Chamber of Commerce and individual property holders have banded together to fight the proposal, which must be approved by the Ministry of Town and Country Planning before actual work can begin. The Ministry has already held a public enquiry at which tempers ran high.

The Germans destroyed 800 buildings in the Central Dover area. It is now proposed to pull down the 700 that the Germans missed. Meanwhile, the dispute is holding up the work of reconstruction in Britain's most-shelled town.

There has been no rapid healing of Dover's wartime scars. Many buildings stand just as the shells left them, with huge gaping holes and dangling girder. The gaunt shells of gutted hotels stand untouched on the waterfront. In the fields around the town, large shellholes remain unfilled; their chalky whiteness in bright contrast to the green grass.

There is no lack of manpower, Dover is one of the few towns in England with a manpower surplus—and an unemployment problem.

**Did Favour**  
At the reconstruction enquiry, members of the Town Council

said in effect that the Germans had done Dover a favour in the long run by knocking down hundreds of obsolete buildings. They proposed that the job started by the 16-inch German channel guns should be completed by the people of Dover themselves—stumps should be pulled down, new streets built, and the heart of the town reconstructed.

In addition, it was proposed to move the historic market place—something the Germans failed to do, although they landed dozens of shells in it. The Germans missed Igglefield's Corner, where David Copperfield is said to have rested; but now the Town Council proposes to demolish it. Dover's single remaining brewery survived the shelling, but the new plans call for its demolition. Five churches would also disappear.

Dover unquestionably is one of the most heavily damaged towns in Britain. But opponents of the reconstruction plan have stated publicly that it was not an area of extensive war damage, and therefore not subject to large-scale reconstruction. They advocate letting existing buildings stand, and building now, once peace comes.

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### MURDER PLOT

Frankfurt, Apr. 23.—Eighty former German officers were seized in Upper Bavaria recently while they were plotting the assassination of Dr. Wilhelm Hoegner, Minister President of Bavaria, according to a Bavarian Civil Government official, quoted by the United States Information Control Division.

The disclosure first appeared in a newspaper at Landshut, Bavaria, which called the murder ring a "werewolf organization" and said that it had drawn up a list of more than 400 people, including Dr. Hoegner, who were to be killed.—Reuter.

### MILLIONAIRE DISAPPEARS

Toronto, April 23.—The disposal of oriental gems and art treasures over half a million dollars in value is a problem presented to the Vancouver Customs officials by the disappearance of Henri Bar, French millionaire, from a small passenger ship which has just reached Vancouver from Shanghai.

Lord Halifax said that the United Nations Organisation is in truth the last and best hope of the world.

"But if the charter of world peace is to be worth more than the ink with which it is written," he added, "it must carry the endorsement of purpose, friendship and understanding of the peoples who sign it.

"With that, all that we hoped for is possible, without it nothing. It must take time for the new mould to set but let our two nations who already have so much in common lead the way.

"The way of co-operation and understanding is not always easy. However complete our agreement on large issues, on minor questions we shall often differ—so in the pattern of Anglo-American relations, we shall welcome variety as long as the pattern remains, and we shall not fear differences as long as behind them there is this common and compelling purpose."

Lord Halifax stated that while as Ambassador, he had visited every state in the Union, which, as British Ambassadors go, "I think constitutes a record."

Lord Halifax, who retires at the end of the month, will be succeeded by Lord Inverchapel, who as Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, was Britain's wartime ambassador to the Soviet Union.—Reuter.

### DREAMING OF A NEW WAR?

Moscow, April 23.—Reactionary circles in Britain and the United States are dreaming of a new war, "Block Not Agitators" (Agitators' Notebook)—the political journal of the Moscow Committee of the Communist Party, said in its issue of today.

"The Soviet Union is now the mightiest political, military, and economic force, without which it is impossible to decide important economic questions," the article said.

"This evokes malice in foreign reactionary circles. These circles in the United States and Britain and other countries are doing all they can to arrest the inexorable process of historical development.

"They are dreaming of a new war—a war desired by certain political groups in Britain and the United States, representing the interests of the most aggressive circles of financial and industrial capitalism, desirous of seizing new markets and new colonies, and subjugating other nations."

"Soviet foreign policy has no other aim than that of guaranteeing security for our own country, consolidating peace throughout the world and strengthening friendship among nations."—Reuter.

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Baghdad, Apr. 23.

The Iraq-Transjordan talks on the future of both countries, which opened in February at Amman, capital of Transjordan, between Emir Abdullah of Transjordan and Emir Abdul Allah, Regent of Iraq, will be resumed here in the first week of May, the newspaper "Al Zamam" reported today.—Reuter.

Calcutta, Apr. 23.

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### SPORTS SECTION

## Charlton Drop A Home Point

LONDON, APRIL 22.—THE THIRD EASTER WEEKEND FOOTBALL PROGRAMME WAS MAINLY INTERESTING FOR CHAMPIONSHIP STRUGGLES BUT WHEREAS THE NORTHERN IS VIRTUALLY SETTLED THROUGH THE AMAZING CRASH OF EVERTON AT HOME, THE STRUGGLE IN THE SOUTH REMAINS UNCERTAIN. WITH THE CUP FINALISTS CHARLTON DROPPING A HOME POINT, IN THE NORTH, SHEFFIELD UNITED DROPPED A HOME POINT BUT OWING TO THE EVERTON RESULT THE YORKSHIREMEN HAVE A THREE POINT LEAD WITH BOTH HAVING ONLY TWO GAMES TO PLAY.

### HOME RUGBY

London, Apr. 23.—Results of rugby matches played today:

Rugby Union: Bath 17 Old Merchant Taylors 10 Bedford 25 Wakefield 9. Bristol 5 Newbridge 14. Camborne 0 Plymouth Albion 0. Cardiff 14 Harlequins 6. Cheltenham 0. Gwynedd 6. Midland 6. Exeter 8. Leicestershire 5. Falmouth 3 St. Mary's Hospital 24. Gloucester 26 London Hospital 8. Llanelli 30 Northampton 6. Heath 20 Royal Air Force 0. New Brighton 5. Wasps 18. Newport 12 London Welsh 0. Penzance and Newlyn 12 Old Blues 8. Pontypool 6. Crosskeys 3. Sale 17 Rosslyn Park 5. Swanage & Barbarians 11. Torquay Athletic 25. Brighton 0. Waterloo 11. Coventry 0. Weston-super-Mare 13. Leicester Barbarians 3.

Rugby League: Bradford Northern 5. Wakefield Trinity 22. Bramley 3. Featherstone Rovers 16. Castleford 10. Leeds 0. Dewsbury 10. Bradford Rangers 3. Huddersfield 4. Barrow 5. Hunslet 10. Workington Town 15. Hull 21. Halifax 9. Oldham 13. Keighley 23. Rochdale Hornets 3. Liverpool Stanley 0. Salford 16. Wigan 3. St. Helens 15. Batley 7. Warrington 16. Swinton 9. York 8. Hull Kingston Rovers 13.—Reuter

U.S. Baseball

New York, Apr. 23.—Yesterday's baseball:

National League R H E

Boston 4 9 1

Brooklyn 5 10 1

St. Louis 4 10 1

Cincinnati 1 6 0

New York 7 —

Philadelphia 6 —

Philadelphia 1 7 2

New York 2 7 0

Detroit 4 7 0

Chicago 0 6 1

Washington 4 8 0

Boston 5 8 1

No other games scheduled.

No-Hits, No-Runs

Portland, Oregon, Apr. 23.

At Liske, starting his eleventh season with the Portland club, Sunday pitched the first no-hit, no-run game in the Pacific Coast baseball league here in 36 years.

Portland beat Hollywood 1 to 0.

At Oakland, Calif., Rugger Ardizzone, fresh from the New York Yankees, pitched a one-hit game, giving Oakland a 4 to 0 victory over the league-leading San Francisco.

Pete Jones, pitched a one-hit game, giving Seattle a 1 to 0 victory over San Diego.—Associated Press.

FRANCE V. WALES

Paris, Apr. 23.

France beat Wales by 12 points to 0 in a Rugby Union International played at Colombes Stadium here this afternoon before 26,000 spectators.

France scored a goal, a try and a dropped goal.—Reuter.

Sportmen Should Know Better

Bombay, Apr. 23.

The Cricket Club of India, India's ruling cricket body, today passed a resolution banning the entry of white South Africans into the club as members or guests.

The club had taken this action as retaliation against the South African "ghetto bill," which limits the areas in the Union where Indians may buy land.

Its actions follow that of the Willingdon Sports Club of Bombay, described as the most cosmopolitan club in the world, which recently recommended its managing committee to take similar action against South Africa.

Reuter.

SHIELD REPLAY  
ON SATURDAY

The replay of the final of the football shield competition between Navy "B" and No. 1 Commandos will be played on Saturday, at Causeway Bay at 5 p.m.

### CROWD OF 100,000

Hurst Park, Apr. 23.—A record that may stand for all time was established at Hurst Park Race Course today when a crowd, officially estimated at 100,000, flocked to see the second day's racing of the first London meeting for six years. By order of the police, the Silver Ring and members' enclosure had to be closed.

In another day of sunshine, racegoers were offered a full card, including two high class handicaps. From packed to capacity stands and from the roofs of air raid shelters in the park, they cheered home the truly great sprinter Honeyway to win the £2,000 Victory Cup run over seven furlongs.

Lord Milford nearly retired his four-year-old to stud at the beginning of the season but decided to keep him in training.

Honeyway, carrying topweight and starting a 3-1 favourite, was brilliantly ridden by E. P. H. Smits. His nearest opponent at the finish was the 3 to 1 chance Careless Child, who was two lengths behind with the aged sprinter Sir Edward one and a half lengths further away, third. Honeyway is by Fairway out of Honey Buzzard.

Mr. J. Hockman's Triumvir, who won the other big handicap, the Queen's Prize, ran over two miles, is one of the greatest horses in training. It was his fourth race in three weeks.

Starting at 100 to 8, he beat Acceleration in a great race by a neck with the Gackwar of Baroda's Squadron three lengths behind, third.

Tommy Carey rode the winner Gordon Richards had a lean time. His only winner was in a two to five favourite, 100 to 1, which was lucky to win.—Reuter.

The backers of champion jockey Gordon Richards had a lean time. His only winner was in a two to five favourite, 100 to 1, which was lucky to win.—Reuter.

Results of matches played today were:

### League North

Blackpool 2. Burnley 1. Bolton 1. Chesterfield 0. Everton 0. Barnsley 4. Grimsby 1. Liverpool 1. Leeds 0. Wednesday 1. Manchester United 4. Newcastle 1. Middlebrough 5. Blackburn 1. Preston 2. Huddersfield 0. Sheffield United 1. Bradford 1. Stoke 2. Bury 0. Sunderland 1. Macclesfield 0. Chester City 0.

### League South

Arsenal 0. Derby 1. Villa 3. Leicester 0. Charlton 1. Southampton 1. Coventry 0. Luton 3. Fulham 7. Millwall 0. Newport 0. Birmingham 1. Nottingham Forest 0. Spurs 2. Plymouth 1. Chelsea 4. Portman 2. Bradford 0. West Ham 0. Swindon 0. Wolves 0. Albion 0.

### League Thro

North, Cup Semifinals: Rotherham 3. Gateshead 1. Southport 2. Chester 4. South, North and South Region Cup: Ipswich 2. Reading 1. South, North Region Cup: Middlesbrough 1. Watford 0. Norwich 2. Notts County 1. Queen's Park